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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : The scarcity is felt only in respect of stud bulls and especially in the cattle kingdom good stud bulls are not available. That is why we are encouraging stud bulls.

Irrigation channel for Panchamadevi-Villianur villages.

* 2393 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN (on behalf of Sri V. R. Nagarajan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether the villagers of Panchamadevi-Villianur in Valavanur Firka in Villupuram taluk, presented a memorandum to the Government about three years ago, requesting the construction of a channel for irrigation purposes of this village branching off either from the Valavanur alangal direct or from the channel flowing into the Siruvanthadu Eri, and if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : The villagers of Panchamadevi-Villianallur in Villupuram taluk presented a petition to the Government in December 1953 requesting the construction of a branch channel from the supply channel to Siruvanthadu eri for irrigation in their village. A report has been called for from the Chief Engineer (Irrigation) on this and it is awaited.

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : Sir, all the four questions Nos. 2394 to 2397 may be taken up together.

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : Sir, all these questions relate to different subject-matters and require information to be elicited from the Hon. Minister concerned. So the questions may be put separately and answers given separately so that the Members can put supplementaries on each question.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister will read the answers separately for each question.

Laccadive Group of Islands.

* 2394 *Q.*—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there are any and if so, how many, courts with judicial officers possessing Law degrees in the whole of the Laccadive Group of Islands; and

(*b*) whether there are any courts of appeal presided over by legally trained judicial officers to deal with litigation from these islands?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : (*a*) There are no such courts.